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Dear Sir:

NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2) AND REQUEST TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE

The maintenance fee for the above patent as shown by the attached maintenance fee statement was paid on June 15, 2009. As also shown in the statement, it was paid based on a small entity status for the patent.

However, at the time the fee became first due, i.e., May 13, 2009 (three and one-half years from the issue date of December 13, 2005), the status of the patent as a small entity as defined in 37 CFR 1.27(a) was no longer appropriate and there was no longer entitlement to such status. This notification serves as notice of the loss of small entity status and it is submitted that the payment as a small entity was made through inadvertence and unintentionally.

The six month grace period for payment of the maintenance fee for the patent expires on December 13, 2009 and the fee payment of \$490.00 has already been paid. Accordingly, submitted herewith by electronic funds transfer is the additional maintenance fee of 490.00 to complete the large entity maintenance fee payment of \$980.00 required for the patent plus a surcharge fee of \$130.00. It is respectfully

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requested that these fees be entered to satisfy the maintenance fee requirements for the patent.

Please charge any other fees which may be required for payment of the large entity maintenance fee for the above-identified patent to our Deposit Account 03-3415.

Dated: December 8, 2009

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